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TOPIC Soviet Troops Arriving at Letzling Heath

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1. Troops were seen arriving daily by rail in Neuholdensleben (M 53/Y 51) [redacted] After they were unloaded, the troops with tanks and trucks went toward the camp in the woods at Letzling Heath.

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2. Ten boxcars of troops, four T-34/85 tanks, four tank chassis without turrets, 12 SU-152 SP guns, and about 30 trucks were unloaded at the Neuholdensleben railroad station [redacted]

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The troops left toward Born-Planken. \*

3. A column of 12 trucks towing 85-mm AA guns was observed moving along the Neuholdensleben-Born road on 19 April. [redacted]

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4. The number of troops in Camp Born-Planken on 19 April was estimated at 20,000

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\* Comment. [redacted] most of the units were components of the 7th Gds Tank Div from Rossau. The information thus confirms a report by another source that the division would not go to the Jüterbog-Werder-Markendorf area for training this year. [redacted] The vehicles observed at Camp Born-Planken included some of headquarters units of the LXXIX Itz Rifle Corps and of the 19th Gds Mecz Div.

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\*\* Comment. [redacted] the AA column belonged to the 3d Gds AAA Div of the Third Shock Army.

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